



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - November 27, 2002

- ***In the West***, mild, dry weather is promoting autumn fieldwork, but the entire region will need sustained cold-season precipitation to improve the condition of rangelands and winter grains, and replenish drought-reduced irrigation reserves. In ***southern California***, gusty downslope (Santa Ana) winds are maintaining the threat of wildfire activity.
- ***On the Plains***, very cold weather is slowing or halting winter wheat development, but dry conditions favor final summer crop harvesting. This morning's low temperatures fell below 20 degrees F as far south as the ***southern High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, a few snow showers linger in areas from the ***Ohio Valley to the lower Great Lakes region***, where cold weather is slowing or halting winter wheat development. Meanwhile, very cold weather is increasing livestock stress across the ***upper Midwest***, where this morning's temperatures fell to near 10 degrees F.
- ***In the South***, isolated showers are causing only minor fieldwork delays in the ***western Gulf Coast region*** and the ***Southeast***, although summer crop harvesting remains far behind schedule in the latter region. Farther north, an early-season snowfall is causing a few travel disruptions from the ***central Appalachians into southern New England***.

Outlook: Snow will end this afternoon across ***southern New England***, while unseasonably cold weather will continue to overspread the ***Midwest and East***. By week's end, another surge of Arctic air will be accompanied by snow showers in the ***Great Lakes and Northeastern States***. Elsewhere, rain and snow showers will develop over the ***Southwest***. Across the ***Pacific Northwest, Plains, and Southeast***, mostly dry weather will prevail through the holiday weekend. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for December 2-6 calls for below-normal precipitation across the ***Great Lakes, Ohio Valley, and West Coast States***, while above-normal precipitation is forecast for the ***southern Rockies*** and the ***Gulf Coast States***. Below-normal temperatures are expected across the ***central and eastern U.S.***, while above-normal temperatures are forecast along the ***West Coast***.

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